

Commander's corner

By Col Tom Deppe
341st Space Wing commander

Earlier this week I was in Colorado Springs to brief the Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command and the entire Air Force Space Command staff on the results of our Nuclear Surety Inspection and Operational Readiness Inspection. Have you heard me say the word "Excellent" lately? Well, the briefing went "Excellently" and, as always, I was very proud to talk of your achievements. Next Thursday, General Eberhart, the Commander of Air Force Space Command, will be here and I'll give him the same briefing. The general will be here for just a short time through lunch, but I will try to show him as much of TEAM MALMSTROM as I can...and that may include you. Comb your hair, brush your teeth, and put your best uniform on Thursday morning because you never know who you may find greeting you at work.

Today is "Spouses Day" at Malmstrom. We slipped it from last month because of the IG visit. I hope all of your spouses are planning to attend...mine is. I will give the "Wing Mission Briefing" and the latest construction update (so the spouses too will know where the next hole will be dug) right after the luncheon we have planned. Our wives and husbands play a very important part in the "TEAM" we have here. Honestly, we couldn't do what we do without all their volunteer hours and selfless help. I want each of them to know what we do and why we do it...and I also want to answer their questions until the last one is answered.

I finally went fishing this week with Mr. Ernie Mills, Services Flight Chief. I figured that when I mentioned all the promises I have received in last week's HPW Commander's Corner, I would get another invite. Eileen and I went with Ernie after work on Tuesday. If you can remember back to Tuesday, you'll know it wasn't the best day weather wise to fish, but we did and had a great time. I'll let Ernie tell you who caught the most "keepers"...you know me, I don't like to brag. Last Friday afternoon, on our "Goal Day" for relaxing after the NSI/ORI, Eileen and I went golfing with Mr. Hans Fehres, from our Manpower Office. I shot a 77, Eileen shot an 88, and Hans shot a 73...73! Obviously they don't need any more manpower

in the Manpower Office...great round Hans. The only reason I'm telling you these two stories, is to remind you that it's summer and to get out and enjoy Montana. If you stay in your dorm room and watch cable TV, you might as well be in Philadelphia! What a beautiful state Montana is!

Our new Wing Vice Commander, Colonel Darphaus Mitchell and his family arrived this week and he has jumped in to the mission with both feet. Col Mitchell is a well-trained ICBM warrior with many years of experience from Grand Forks AFB and Minot AFB, as well as a three year tour here in the mid-80s. He comes to us from being the Operations Group Commander at the 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB/Cape Canaveral Florida. Welcome to Col Mitchell, his wife Tanya, their sons LaMont and Demetrius, and their daughter Yurissa to TEAM MALMSTROM.

The awards keep coming. Our 2001 Eubanks winning Services Squadron won a few more awards. Our Bowling Center, Library and Outdoor Recreation are winners of Air Force Space Command Services Program Awards. Ms Dawn Beal, from our Youth Activities Center, was named Civilian Superintendent of the Year. Ms Melissa Zimmer, from our Child Development Center, was named Civilian Technician of the Year. AND...Major Thom Terwilliger, the Commander of the Best Services Squadron in the Air Force, was named Senior Military Manager of the Year. Great recognition for really, really great people and programs.

Also this week, TSgt Mark Doerr, from our Wing Plans Office, and TSgt Dan Meador, from the 341st Security Forces Squadron, were Distinguished Graduates from NCO Academy at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

Start next Friday morning off by attending our Quarterly Awards Breakfast. Our Operations Group Commander, Colonel Al Kirkman, is the guest speaker. Come for breakfast and help us recognize more deserving TEAM MALMSTROM people.

Have a safe weekend, tomorrow and Sunday...and Monday if it's your day off too! You can have all the fun in world, sober and safely. Don't forget General Eberhart's visit Thursday...help make the base look as good as you can...I know you will...Thanks.



Photo by John Turner

Fire away

(Left) MSgt Antonio Vazquez, combat arms, holds the ribbon for Col Tom Deppe, 341st Space Wing commander, as he cuts it. (Right) Also pictured is Lt Col Alan Anderson, 341st Security Forces Squadron commander. The ribbon cutting is for the opening of the 28-point firing range at combat arms.

Letter to the editor

Dear Team Malmstrom,

On June 17, you rescued our grandson, Zachary Roberts, who had fallen while rock climbing near Hamilton.

Thanks to your incredible professionalism and immediate response, Zach was able to gain early care at a trauma center in Seattle.

The good news is that he's on the road to recovery and has returned home. Despite a broken back, there's no sign of paralysis. His full recovery is expected in four to six months.

Words can't adequately express our deep appreciation for what you did. You have done wonderful things for the lost and injured in this state.

Most sincerely,
Bill and M.A. Roberts

Wing calender of events

July 31

An enlisted induction ceremony is at 3 p.m. at Club Malmstrom. Call MSgt Russell Crookston at 731-3243.

Aug. 3

The annual Golferoo is at 11:30 a.m. at the Meadowlark Country Club. Call Capt Anthony Lujan at 731-6624.

Action Lines

Do you have a comment, suggestion or compliment? The Action Line is here to help.

This forum is open and straight forward. If we've done well, let us know. If, on the other hand, we've dropped the ball, I'll owe up to it.

You can e-mail me at swaction@malmstrom.af.mil or call 731-HELP.

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their name and phone number so we can provide a personal reply.

Remember that the easiest and quickest way to resolve most problems is to call the agency responsible directly or to use your chain of command. Most issues can be taken care of on the spot that way.

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Quick Reference List

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All AAFES facilities (Stefan Marks)	454-1301	Housing office (Dottie Golightly)	731-3660
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Civil engineers (Lt Col Phil Rainforth)	731-6188	Military equal opportunity (Capt Geia Carlisle)	731-4525
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